

Coordinating HHS Housing-Related Supports and Services with HUD Housing Assistance for People Experiencing Homelessness

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Welcome and Overview

- Welcome - Richard S. Cho, Senior Advisor for Housing and Services, Office of the Secretary, HUD
- Technical Assistance Provider
 - Technical Assistance Collaborative (TAC)
- HHS Agency Presentation
 - Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

Webinar Purpose and Agenda

Learning Objective: Attendees will be equipped to identify available housing-related supports and services resources in their states and communities. Attendees will also be able to locate their state and local agencies responsible for funding and delivering these resources in order to reach out and form partnerships to ensure successful referrals, lease-up and ongoing tenancy in HUD housing programs, especially the Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program. This webinar will also be helpful for PHAs with a homeless admission preference and PHAs with a special purpose voucher program such as Mainstream, Family Unification Program, HUD-VASH, etc.

Agenda:

- Define housing-related supports and services, and how these can be paired with HUD housing assistance to benefit individuals experiencing homelessness
- Describe resources available through federal Health and Human Services (HHS) agencies – specifically, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) – that can fund housing-related supports and services, including any new resources in the American Rescue Plan (ARP)
- Examples of on-the-ground partnerships and pairing of HUD-HHS resources and takeaways for PHAs, CoCs and others to learn more and pursue partnership opportunities
- Questions and answers

Webinar Series - Coordinating HHS Housing-Related Supports and Services with HUD Housing Assistance for People Experiencing Homelessness

Date/Time	TA Topic
July 14 3:00-4:30 EDT	HRSA & SAMHSA Resources for Housing Supports
August 12 3pm - 4:30pm EDT	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)/Medicaid Resources for Housing Supports
August 16 3pm – 4:30pm EDT	Administration for Children & Families (ACF) Resources for Housing Supports

Poll – Who is Listening in Today?

- ☐ Public Housing Agency (PHA)
- ☐ Continuum of Care (CoC)
- ☐ Victim Service Provider (VSP)
- ☐ Other

What are Housing-Related Supports & Services?

- **Outreach/engagement/referral services** – that help identify and refer people experiencing homelessness to coordinated entry to access housing assistance provided by CoCs/PHAs
- **Pre-tenancy services** – that assist people with housing access, such as housing search assistance, landlord engagement and housing navigation, security deposits, rent/utility arrears, help obtaining documentation to verify eligibility, move-in assistance, and home furnishings
- **Housing stabilization services and service coordination** – to help people stabilize in housing and connect with community-based services
- **Ongoing tenancy sustaining supports and wrap-around services (i.e. services in PSH)** – that assist people in being successful tenants, such as ongoing individualized case management, help maintaining one's home, with activities of daily living, and with preventing lease violations, and care coordination with health and behavioral health systems

Housing-Related Supports & Services Needs by Population

Population	Associated Needs	Care Coordination Partners	Intensity of Services
Individuals with Disabling Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent supportive housing • Primary and behavioral health care • Benefits and entitlements • Employment and education supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Street outreach workers • Community health centers • Behavioral health agencies • Supported employment providers • Community corrections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24/7 crisis response capability • Ongoing intensive engagement, tenancy supports and wrap-around services
Families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rental assistance and housing location supports • Primary and behavioral health care • Benefits and entitlement • Employment and education supports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landlords • Community health centers • Behavioral health agencies • Child welfare • Schools • Community corrections • Victim Services Providers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short-term outreach, engagement and referral • Pre-tenancy services • Short-term housing stabilization and service coordination

Housing-Related Supports & Services Needs by Population (continued)

Population	Associated Needs	Care Coordination Partners	Intensity of Services
Youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rental assistance and housing location supports• Primary and behavioral health care• Benefits and entitlements• Employment and education supports	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Street outreach• Community health centers• Behavioral health agencies• Supported employment providers• Schools/ education programs• Family engagement services• Host homes/ foster care• Juvenile justice or adult corrections• Victim Services Providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 24/7 crisis response capability• Ongoing intensive engagement, tenancy supports and wrap-around services offered

HUD Housing Opportunities

- The Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program is available through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), providing 70,000 housing choice vouchers to local Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) in order to assist individuals and families who are:
 - Homeless,
 - At risk of homelessness,
 - Fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, or
 - Were recently homeless or have a high risk of housing instability.
- PHAs are required to partner with Continuums of Care (CoCs) or other homeless or victim services providers to assist qualifying families through a direct referral process.
- MOUs between PHAs, CoCs and other partners, due to HUD on July 31, 2021, should identify services provided to assist EHV applicants and participants, including what is being offered to ensure that referrals are successful.

HUD Housing by Program Office

Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS) – Homeless/At risk	Public and Indian Housing	Office of Multifamily
CoC Program (TH, PH, PSH)	Housing Choice Vouchers	Section 811 PRA (People with Disabilities)
ESG RRH	Special Purpose Vouchers: VASH (Veterans), EHV's, Mainstream (People with Disabilities)	Section 811 (People with Disabilities)
	Public Housing	Section 202 (Elderly)
	Family Unification Program (FUP)	Project Based Rental Assistance (PBRA)

ACF Programs That Can Provide Housing Support Services

Agency/Program	Eligible housing support services				State administering agency (if applicable)	General eligibility	Service providers/local partners
	Outreach/engagement/referral services	Pre-tenancy services	Housing stabilization services & services coordination	Ongoing tenancy supports & wrap-around services (i.e. services in PSH)			
Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) programs: Basic Center Program (BCP), Street Outreach Program (SOP), Transitional Living Program (TLP), Maternity Group Home Program (MGH)	X	X	X	X	NA – Funds distributed to public and private non-profit entities that are not part of the juvenile justice system. Private institutions of higher education must be non-profit entities.	BCP serves RHY under the age of 18. SOP targets runaway, homeless, and street youth who are under 21 years of age and younger and who have been subjected to, or are at risk of being subjected to, sexual abuse, prostitution, sexual exploitation, and severe forms of trafficking. TLP serves RHY, ages 16 to under 22 years of age. MGH serves pregnant and/or parenting youth ages 16 to under 22 and their dependent children.	RHY providers include state and local government, community- and faith-based youth-serving, child and family, homeless and social services agencies (find recent BC awardees) (find recent SOP awardees)
Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) Program	X	X	X	X	<p>Formula grant awards are made to state and territorial (including DC and Puerto Rico) agencies, specifically designated by the Governor to administer funds under this program.</p> <p>One percent of the overall appropriation of funds is also set-aside annually for Tribes, Tribal Organizations, and Migrant Programs, which is awarded through a discretionary (competitive) grant process.</p>	Section 201(b) of CAPTA provides that funds made available to states under the CBCAP program must be used for developing, operating, expanding, and enhancing community-based, and prevention focused programs and activities designed to strengthen and support families to prevent child abuse and neglect that are accessible, effective, and culturally appropriate, and build upon existing strengths to include offering assistance to families; increasing family stability; and improving family access to other formal and informal resources and opportunities for assistance available within communities, including access to such resources and opportunities for unaccompanied homeless youth.	State or locally-funded public and private organizations, including faith-based organizations, serving the same populations and sharing the same goals and objectives. Funds can also be used to provide leadership for coordination of community-based resources that will integrate existing services to address unmet needs that have been identified in the state and communities.

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Head Start	X		X	X	NA – Funds are distributed to local agencies that meet the statutory requirement for designation as a Head Start agency in Section 641 of the Head Start Act.	HS enrolls pregnant women, infants, toddlers and pre school age children. The current HS standards state that families are eligible for Head Start if income is equal to or below the poverty line; or, the family is eligible for or, in the absence of child care, would be potentially eligible for public assistance; including TANF child-only payments, or, the child is homeless, or the child is in foster care.	Head Start providers include a wide range of public or private non-profit organizations, including faith-based organizations, or for-profit organizations (e.g., county governments, independent school districts, public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities, small businesses) that meet staff qualification and professional development standards. Flexibility in local program design and operation is encouraged, and there is wide variation across the country in how Head Start services are delivered. All providers adhere to the Head Start program performance standards and the Head Start Act .
Family violence and prevention programs	X	X	X	X	Formula grants are made to states and territories, Indian Tribes, National Resource Centers, and state domestic violence coalitions.	Individuals experiencing “family violence,” which can involve many types of family relationships and forms of violence.	Public, private nonprofit and faith-based organizations with experience in addressing domestic violence and prevention (find a state FVPSA administrator).

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Block grants (SSBG, CSBG)	X	X	X	X	SSBG funds are distributed directly to State's/Territory's social or human services agencies that oversee the service. CSBG funds are allocated to states, territories, and Indian tribes for distribution to local agencies. A lead agency must be designated to develop the state application and plan. States must pass through at least 90% of their federal CSBG allotment to local eligible entities.	There are no federal eligibility criteria for SSBG recipients, but states may set their own. CSBG funds support a variety of antipoverty activities on behalf of low-income families, youth and individuals, including those who are welfare recipients, homeless, migrant or seasonal farm workers, or elderly. States must submit an application and plan to HHS.	The majority of SSBG-supported services are for information and referral, case management, child care, and child protective services provided either directly by states and/or local agencies or purchased from qualified service providers. CSBG services are provided by "eligible entities", which are primarily (but not exclusively) Community Action Agencies (CAAs).
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)		X	X		Formula grants are made to states, the District of Columbia, U.S. territories and commonwealths, and Indian tribal organizations; emergency contingency funds may be released based on need (find a state LIHEAP agency).	Low-income households in need of home energy assistance.	LIHEAP is often administered locally by Community Action Programs/Agencies, Area Agencies on Aging and other nonprofit organizations (find LIHEAP local providers).
TANF	X	X	X	X	Funds are administered to states through a block grant allocation and distributed to state agencies administering the state TANF plan.	Low-income families with children and expectant mothers. States have broad flexibility to determine eligibility, method of assistance, and benefit levels (see TANF Information Memorandum)	TANF providers include a wide-range of agencies delivering programs aimed at one of TANF's four purposes and may include child welfare, employment/workforce development, early childhood, social service, behavioral health, prevention, homeless services, community action, and education agencies and providers, among others.



ACF's Housing Support Services

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Featured Program Offices

Office of Head Start

- Head Start Program

Office of Family Assistance

- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program

Office of Community Services

- Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)
- Social Services Block Grant (SSBG)
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)

Family & Youth Services Bureau

- Family Violence Prevention Services Act (FVPSA) Program
- Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Program

Children's Bureau

- Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP) Grants Program
- John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood (Chafee) program





Office of Head Start

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Homelessness and Early childhood

- **Historic numbers of children are experiencing homelessness**
- **Infants are the most vulnerable**
- **Homelessness can contribute to:**
 - **Developmental, health, emotional, behavioral, and learning challenges**
 - **Barriers to participation in early education programs**



Head Start & Early Head Start

Whole Family, Comprehensive Services

- ✓ Early care and education
- ✓ Nutrition
- ✓ Health and Mental Health
- ✓ Prenatal Health Care Access
- ✓ Disability Services
- ✓ Family Wellbeing
- ✓ Family Engagement
- ✓ Parent Leadership



HS/EHS Programs are Prioritizing Families Experiencing Homelessness

- **Conducting community needs assessments**
- **Active recruitment and enrollment**
- **Sensitivity to challenges with immunization/health records**
- **Reserving enrollment slots**
- **Providing transportation supports**
- **Partnering with McKinney-Vento Liaisons, LEAs and local homelessness service providers**



Benefits of Partnering with Head Start

Trusted local prioritization and referral process for coordinated entry, while focusing on the health, and safety needs of infants and young children.

Coordination related to pre-tenancy services (family services coordinators in Head Start).

Housing stabilization supports and ongoing tenancy sustaining supports for families with young children.

Leveraged Head Start expertise related to the unique vulnerabilities and needs of pregnant women and families with infants, toddlers, and young children.

Leveraged Head Start knowledge of developmentally appropriate spaces and quality services for young children birth to five.

Partnerships for Housing Stability



Office of Head Start

Home at Head Start

Help All Head Start Families Achieve Housing Stability

Each program reporting year, only one third of Head Start families experiencing homelessness are able to access housing. Now, through the American Rescue Plan, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has released 70,000 [Emergency Housing Vouchers \(EHVs\)](#). These vouchers are available for people who are currently experiencing or at risk of homelessness, fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence situations, or at risk of housing instability. EHVs will be distributed through [Public Housing Authorities \(PHAs\)](#) and [Continuum of Care \(CoC\)](#) programs.

Reach Out to Your Local Public Housing Authority

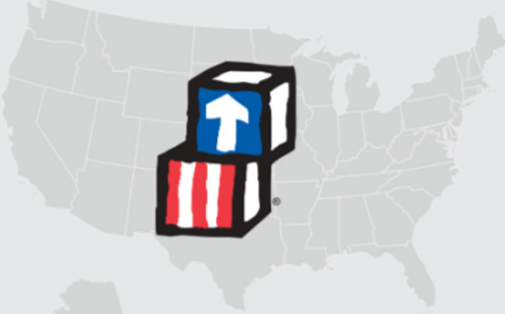
Through communications and training and technical assistance, OHS is promoting HS/EHS partnerships with Continuums of Care and Public Housing Authorities.

Examples of Partnership

- In PA the HS Collaboration Office used HS dollars to create a map of each county for use by HS programs.
- In Bridgeport Connecticut, a Head Start program has placed a center-based classroom in a Permanent Supportive Housing setting.
- In Chicago IL, Head Start staff and homelessness service providers across the city are cross-training for better coordination
- In Champaign IL, a shelter has an on-site EHS program.
- In Phoenix, AZ a shelter for families experiencing homelessness recently received an EHS/CC partnership grant.



Find HS/EHS Programs and Head Start Collaboration Offices Near You

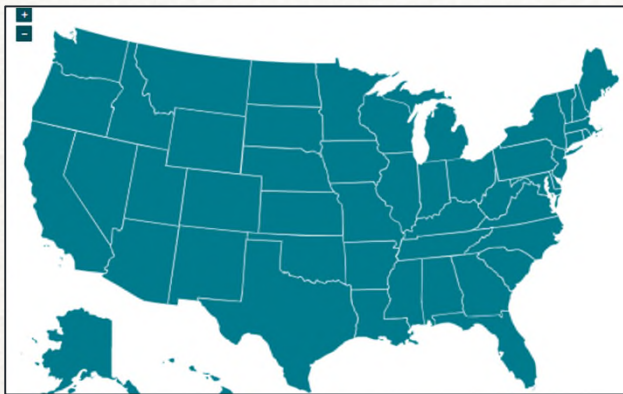


📍 **Locate a Head Start Program**

Enter your city, state, or zip code.



<https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/>



[Head Start Collaboration Offices by State | ECLKC \(hhs.gov\)](#)

<https://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/programs/head-start-collaboration-offices-state>



Resources

Meeting the Needs of Families with Young Children Experiencing Homelessness Fact Sheets fact sheet series, aims to foster collaboration between early care and education providers and housing and homelessness services providers

The Early Childhood Self-Assessment Tool for Family Shelters is specifically designed to guide family shelter staff as they create a safe and developmentally appropriate environment for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.



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Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

States, Tribes, and Territories use their TANF grants to fund cash assistance payments to **needy families with children** as well as **a wide range of benefits and services** designed to address one or more of the program's four broad purposes:

1. Provide assistance to needy families so children may be cared for in their own homes or in the homes of relatives
2. End dependence of needy parents through job preparation, work, and marriage
3. Prevent and reduce out-of-wedlock pregnancies
4. Encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families



TANF and Family Homelessness

Many families eligible for TANF are homeless or at risk of homelessness or housing instability.

Some homeless families may not be accessing TANF assistance.

TANF can have a role in addressing housing needs in multiple ways.



TANF Information Memorandum on Family Homelessness (2013)

Covers allowable use of **non-recurrent, short-term (NRST) benefits** and services, which are designed to extend no longer than four months, and must address a specific crisis situation rather than meet ongoing needs.

Also covers allowable employment services, such as education, job training, job placement, and subsidized employment.

TANF funds can be used in coordination with other targeted homeless assistance programs to maximize resource impact. Services should be coordinated with other programs and providers.



Enhancing Family Stability: A Guide for Assessing Housing Status and Coordinating with Local Homelessness Programs for TANF Agencies

Helps state TANF agencies recognize the important role they have.

Encourage states to use it as a resource to better assess for homelessness and housing instability during intake and coordinate with other organizations.

The appendices offer examples of housing status assessment tools that TANF jurisdictions can use.



Resources

[Use of TANF Funds to Serve Homeless Families and Families at Risk of Experiencing Homelessness \(TANF-ACF-IM-2013-01\)](#)

[Enhancing Family Stability: A Guide for Assessing Housing Status and Coordinating with Local Homelessness Programs for TANF Agencies](#)



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*Working to reduce poverty
and its impacts*



Office of Community Services

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About the Office of Community Services

Mission:

Partners with states, communities, and agencies to

- ❖ Reduce the causes of poverty
- ❖ Increase opportunity and economic security
- ❖ Support individuals and families; and
- ❖ Revitalize communities.



Standing Programs: Office of Community Services



- *Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)*
- *Social Services Block Grant (SSBG)*
- *Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)*
- *Community Economic Development (CED)*
- *Rural Community Development (RCD)*

OCS Emergency Programs and Supplemental Resources

Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)

- Emergency supplemental resources – Appx. \$1.1 billion through American Rescue Plan and Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

- CARES Act - \$900 million supplemental, \$4.5 billion American Rescue Plan

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

- CARES Act - \$1 billion supplemental



Examples of Services & Activities: OCS Programs

CSBG – *Services and activities address employment, education, better use of available income, housing, nutrition, emergency services and/or health, as examples.*

- ✓ Funding goes thru states, tribes and territories to Community Action Agencies (CAAs) for direct services based on community needs plan

SSBG – *Services and activities include child care, child welfare, services for persons with disabilities, case management, protective services for adults and children. 29 allowable social service categories.*

- ✓ Funding goes to States and Territories; may be administered by state, via local municipalities or local agencies

LIHEAP – *Services include help with home energy bills, including crises, weatherization and energy-related minor home repairs.*

- ✓ Funding goes to States, Territories and Tribes; may be administered by state, via local municipalities or local agencies

LIHWAP – *Services and activities assist low-income households with water and wastewater bills.*

- ✓ Funding goes to States, Territories and Tribes (must have received FY 21 LIHEAP); may be administered by state, via local municipalities or local agencies



Community Action Agencies – *A Critical Local Partner*



Community Action Agencies

- Over 1000 Private, non-profit local organizations
- Created in 1964 Economic Opportunity Act.
- Tripartite Governing Board
- Address causes and conditions of poverty based on local plans

CSBG/Community Action Contacts

Federal CSBG Contacts

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/contact-information/csbg-contact-info-staff-assignments-region>

State CSBG Contact List

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/contact-information/csbg-contact-info-state-officials-and-program-coordinators>

State Community Action Association Contact List

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/contact-information/csbg-contact-info-state-associations>

Local Community Action Agency Locator

<https://communityactionpartnership.com/find-a-cap/>



Other Program Contacts

LIHEAP (Energy Assistance)

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/contact-information/liheap-contact-information>

LIHWAP (Water Assistance)

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/contact-information/lihwap-contact-information>

Social Services Block Grant (SSBG)

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/contact-information/ssbg-grantee-contact-information>



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Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB)

Offers a variety of programs that provide shelter and services to ensure safety and support the social and emotional well-being of children, youth and families:

- **Family Violence Prevention Services Act Program (FVPSA)**, the primary federal funding stream dedicated to the support of emergency shelter and related assistance for victims of domestic violence and their children.
- **Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Program** supports the provision of emergency and long-term shelter and an array of comprehensive prevention and support services to runaway and homeless youth.
- **Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program (APP)** supports states and tribal communities to teach abstinence and contraception education to prevent pregnancy and the spread of sexually transmitted diseases among adolescents.



Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Program

The Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) administers four programs authorized under the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (RHYA), which provides funding to public and non-profit entities to establish and operate local services for safe and stable housing for runaway and homeless youth and families of homeless youth.

- Basic Center Program (BCP)
- Street Outreach Program (SOP)
- Transitional Living Program (TLP)
- Maternity Group Home Program (MGH)



Basic Center Program (BCP)

- Funds grants to community-based public and private agencies for the provision of outreach, crisis intervention, emergency shelter, counseling, family reunification and aftercare services for runaway and homeless youth. The BCP program provides an array of services for youth under 18 years of age, which includes:
 - Up to 21 days of shelter
 - Food clothing and medical care
 - Mental and physical health services
 - Education and employment assistance
 - Individual, group and family counseling
- Number of BCP Grantee Providers: 261



Street Outreach Program (SOP)

- Funds grants to public and private organizations for street-based services to runaway, homeless, and street youth under the age of 21 who have been subjected to or are at risk of sexual abuse, human trafficking, or sexual exploitation. The Street Outreach Program (SOP) provides the following services:
 - Basic needs including food, clothing, hygiene, or first aid packages
 - Information about services and safe places for youth.
- Number of SOP Grantee Providers: 109



Transitional Living Program (TLP)

- Funds grants to public and private organizations for community-based adult supervised group homes for youth ages 16 to under 22 years of age who cannot safely live with their own families.
- The Transitional Living Program (TLP) provides the following services to youth:
 - Long-term, safe and stable shelter
 - Individual and group counseling
 - Life skills and interpersonal skill building
 - Educational support and job skills training
 - Physical and behavioral health care
- Number of TLP Grantee Providers: 174



Maternity Group Home Program (MGH)

- Funds grants to public and private nonprofit entities which provide access to safe, stable, and appropriate shelter for pregnant and/or parenting youth ages 16 to under 22 years of age and their young families who are experiencing homelessness.
- The Maternity Group Home Program (MGH) is a transitional living program (TLP) that provides parenting support to young parents to develop parenting skills, child-care, child development education, and health and nutrition services for both youth and their child(ren).
 - Long-term, safe and stable shelter
 - Individual and group counseling
 - Life skills and interpersonal skill building
 - Educational support and job skills training
 - Physical and behavior health care
- Number of MGH Grantee Providers: 18



Additional Supports for RHY Program Grantees

National Runaway Safeline – operates the federally-designated national communication system (NCS) for homeless and runaway youth. NRS provides 24/7 confidential crisis intervention, referrals to local resources, education and prevention services to runaway, homeless, and at-risk youth and their families.

Runaway and Homeless Youth Training and Technical Assistance Center (RHYTTAC) is the training and technical assistance provider for all federally-funded runaway and homeless youth (RHY) grantees. RHYTTAC assists organizations in developing and implementing effective approaches to serving young people who have run away and/or are impacted by homelessness.

National Clearinghouse on Homeless Youth and Families (NCHYF) is a national resource for organizations that support runaway and homeless youth and their families with programs and services.



Resources

National Runaway Safeline

<https://www.1800runaway.org/> or 1-800-RUNAWAY

Runaway and Homeless Youth Training and Technical Assistance Center (RHYTTAC) – <https://www.rhyttac.net/>

National Clearinghouse on Homeless Youth and Families (NCHYF)
<https://rhyclearinghouse.acf.hhs.gov/>

Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) Website
<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/fysb>

Runaway and Homeless Youth Program Information
<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/fysb/runaway-homeless-youth>



Family Violence Prevention & Services Program

Family Violence Prevention and Services Programs Overview

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FVPSA Purpose

Family Violence Prevention and Services Act is the primary federal resource dedicated to provision of domestic violence shelters, supportive services, and related programming for victims of domestic/dating violence and their dependents.

FVPSA Programs include:

- State and Territorial Formula Grants - 56 grantees that subaward to 1,500 domestic violence shelters
- Native American Tribes Formula Grants - 252 grantees
- State and Territory Domestic Violence Coalitions Grants – 56 grantees
- Discretionary Grants
 - Specialized Services to Abused Parents and their Children Demonstration Grants – 26 grantees
- Training and Technical Assistance Resource Centers Grants – 14 grantees
- National Domestic Violence Hotline Grant and special projects StrongHearts Native Helpline and Love Is Respect Dating Abuse Helpline -1 grantee that subawards for 2 special projects



The Intersection of Domestic Violence and Homelessness



The two most pressing concerns for survivors of abuse are the need for safe housing and the need for economic resources to maintain safety.¹



80%
Experienced DV

A study of homeless women with children found that 80% had previously experienced domestic violence.²



57%
Homelessness was caused by DV

Studies show that as many as 57% of all homeless women report domestic violence as the immediate cause of their homelessness.³

Barriers to Safety: Understanding the Intersection

As a direct result of the power and control dynamics related to their abuse, survivors often face unique barriers to accessing shelter and affordable housing.

Poor Credit & Ruined Rental Histories



Often caused by abusers running up credit card bills or lying about paying rent, utilities, childcare and other bills. This affects a survivors' ability to pass a landlord background check.

Lack of Steady Employment



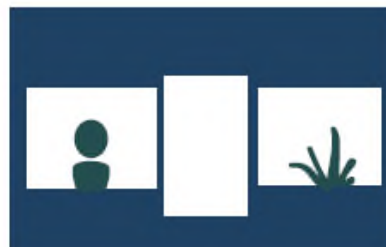
Caused when victims are forced to miss work as a result of violence, or are fired as a result of stalking and harassment that occurs at the workplace.

FVPSA-Funded Domestic Violence Services Network

In ACF's Family and Youth Services Bureau, the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program administers the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA), the primary federal funding stream dedicated to the support of emergency shelter and related assistance for victims of domestic violence and their children. Throughout the United States, the U.S. territories, and federally-recognized tribes, domestic and dating violence support services are provided free of charge, in a confidential and private manner, 365 days of the year.

Supportive services include:

- emergency shelter
- survivor advocacy
- counseling
- case management
- housing referrals
- legal advocacy
- preventive health services
- culturally and linguistically appropriate services
- public benefits and community services referrals



A coordinated community response helps survivors and their children regain safety, stability, mental well-being, and self-sufficiency.

FVPSA State/Territorial Domestic Violence Coalitions



FVPSA supports a coalition in each State, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and American Samoa.

There are 56 state/territorial coalitions in total.

Coalitions are funded to provide education, support, and technical assistance to domestic violence service providers in the states and territories, and support state policy development.

Each Coalition's membership includes a majority of the primary-purpose domestic violence service providers in the State or Territory.

State & Territorial Domestic Violence Coalitions List:
www.nnedv.org/resources/coalitions.html

Opportunities for Collaboration

- Partnering with state domestic violence coalitions for emergency housing voucher referral coordination.
- State domestic violence coalitions can assist PHAs with information sharing to local domestic violence programs about the availability of emergency housing vouchers.
- State domestic violence coalitions can assist PHAs with coordinating safety planning and support services for families impacted by domestic violence that may receive an emergency housing voucher.



Existing Collaborations: Success Stories

- Many PHAs already have strong collaborations with victim service providers (VSP) and domestic violence state coalitions. Some practices already finding success across the country include:
 - Weekly meetings between staff of the VSP and PHA to coordinate around any VAWA transfers in process
 - VSP advocate co-located at the PHA to provide immediate supportive services and link to local VSPs for ongoing support
 - PHA and VSP co-created a video training on VAWA protections for new residents



State/Territory Coalitions

Alabama Coalition Against Domestic Violence: acadv.org

Alaska Network on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault: andvsa.org

America Samoa Alliance Against Domestic and Sexual Violence: asalliance.co

Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence: azcadv.org

Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence: domesticpeace.com

California Partnership to End Domestic Violence: cpedv.org

Violence Free Colorado: violencefreecolorado.org

Idaho Coalition Against Sexual & Domestic Violence: idvsa.org

Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence: icadv.org

Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence: icadvinc.org

Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence: icadv.org

Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence: lcadv.org

Maine Coalition to End Domestic Violence: mcedv.org

Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence: mnadv.org

Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence: ncedsv.org

New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence: nhcadsv.org

New Jersey Coalition to End Domestic Violence: njcedv.org

New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence: nmcadv.org

New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence: nyscadv.org

North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence: nccadv.org

CAWS: North Dakota Ending Sexual and

Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence: ricadv.org

South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault: sccadvasa.org

South Dakota Coalition Ending Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault: sdnafvsa.com

Tennessee Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence: tncoalition.org

Texas Council on Family Violence: tcfv.org

Utah Domestic Violence Council: udvc.org

Vermont Network Against Domestic & Sexual Violence: vtnetwork.org

State/Territory Coalitions

Connecticut Coalition
Against Domestic
Violence: ctcadv.org

Delaware Coalition
Against Domestic
Violence: dcadv.org

District of Columbia
Coalition Against
Domestic Violence:
dccadv.org

Georgia Coalition Against
Domestic Violence:
gcadv.org

Guam Coalition Against
Sexual Assault and Family
Violence:
guamcoalition.org

Hawaii State Coalition
Against Domestic
Violence: hscadv.org

Jane Doe Inc.
Massachusetts Coalition
Against Sexual Assault
& Domestic Violence:
janedoe.org

Michigan Coalition
Against Domestic & Sexual
Violence: mcadv.org

Minnesota Coalition for
Battered Women:
mcbw.org

Mississippi Coalition
Against Domestic Violence:
mcadv.org

Missouri Coalition Against
Domestic & Sexual
Violence: mocadv.org

Montana Coalition Against
Domestic & Sexual
Violence: mcadv.com

Nebraska Domestic
Violence & Sexual
Assault Coalition:
nebraskacoalition.org

CAWS: North Dakota
Ending Sexual and
Domestic Violence:
cawsnorthdakota.org

Northern Marianas
Coalition Against
Sexual & Domestic
Violence: [facebook.com/
endviolencenmi/](https://facebook.com/endviolencenmi/)

Ohio Domestic Violence
Network: odvn.org

Oklahoma Coalition
Against Domestic
Violence & Sexual
Assault: ocadvsa.org

Oregon Coalition Against
Domestic & Sexual
Violence: ocadv.org

Pennsylvania Coalition
Against Domestic
Violence: pcadv.org

Coordinadora Paz Para
La Mujer (San Juan, PR):
pazparalamujer.org

Violence: vtnetwork.org

Virginia Sexual &
Domestic Violence Action
Alliance: vsdvalliance.org

Virgin Islands Domestic
Violence and Sexual
Assault Council:
vidvsac.org

Washington State Coalition
Against Domestic Violence:
wscadv.org

West Virginia Coalition
Against Domestic Violence:
wvcadv.org

End Domestic Abuse
Wisconsin:
endabusewi.org

Wyoming Coalition
Against Domestic
Violence & Sexual Assault:
wyomingdvsa.org

Domestic Violence & Housing Technical Assistance Consortium (DVHTAC)

FEDERAL PARTNERS

Family Violence Prevention &
Services Program/HHS
Office of Special Needs Assistance
Programs/HUD
Office for Victims of Crime/DOJ
Office on Violence Against
Women/DOJ
US Interagency Council on
Homelessness

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDERS

National Alliance for Safe Housing
(NASH)
Collaborative Solutions, Inc. (CSI)
National Network to End Domestic
Violence (NNEDV)
National Resource Center on Domestic
Violence (NRC DV)
National Sexual Violence Resource
Center (NSVRC)





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DVHTAC Resources

Research and tools on coordinated entry in the context of DV/SA:

<https://safehousingpartnerships.org/key-approaches/access-safe-permanent-housing/entry-intake-tools>

Tips for successful partnerships between housing and victims' services agencies (including partnership case studies):

<https://safehousingpartnerships.org/partnerships>

Information for victim service providers on Emergency Housing Vouchers:

<https://safehousingpartnerships.org/node/641>

Family Violence Prevention & Services Program

Learn more at:

www.acf.hhs.gov/fvpsa

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Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention (CBCAP)

Authorized by Title II of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA), as amended by Public Law 115-271

Formula Grant Program

- Annual grants to all states, DC and Puerto Rico
- State lead agencies are designated by the Governor each year
- Funds allocated proportionately by state child population <18 (70%) and non-federal funds used for child abuse prevention (30%)

\$60.6 million in annual funding appropriated by Congress in FY 2021

- \$250 million in supplemental funds appropriated by American Rescue Plan Act of 2021

1% is set aside for Tribes, Tribal Organizations and Migrant programs (*discretionary grants*)



CBCAP – Program Purposes

To support community-based efforts to develop, operate, expand, enhance, and coordinate initiatives, programs, and activities to prevent child abuse and neglect.

To support the coordination of resources and activities to better strengthen and support families to reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect.

To foster understanding, appreciation and knowledge of diverse populations in order to effectively prevent and treat child abuse and neglect.



Examples of CBCAP-Funded Services

Offer assistance to families;

Provide early, comprehensive support for parents;

Promote the development of parenting skills;

Increase family stability;

Improve family access to formal and informal resources; including access for unaccompanied homeless youth;

Support the additional needs of families with children with disabilities through respite care or other services;

Demonstrate a commitment to parent involvement in the planning and program implementation of the lead agency and local programs funded under CBCAP; and

Provide referrals for early health and development services.



CBCAP – Opportunities for Collaboration

Lead agencies are strongly encouraged to establish new partnerships and build upon existing collaborative efforts with other federal, state or locally funded public and private organizations, included faith-based organizations, serving the same populations and sharing the same goals and objectives.

Funds can also be used to provide leadership for coordination of community-based resources that will integrate existing services to address unmet needs that have been identified in the state and communities.



For more information on CBCAP

- FRIENDS National Center for CBCAP: www.friendsnrc.org
- Information on CBCAP state lead agencies:
<https://friendsnrc.org/cbcap/state-assignments/>
- CBCAP Federal Project Officer: Julie Fliss at Julie.Fliss@acf.hhs.gov



John H. Chafee Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood (the Chafee program)

Provides services and supports to young people in transition from foster care, ages 18 and older.

Depending on the state, services may be provided to ages 21 or 23. Until September 30, 2021, services may be provided up to age 27.

Services are administered at the state, county, tribal level, and often provided by a contracted services provider.

Independent living staff are generally experienced in providing services to help youth locate and secure housing.

Chafee funds may be used to help eligible youth pay deposits, rents, utilities, and other payments to support housing.

Some states may have a cap on funds.

Some youth may also be parents and qualify as a family.



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Next Steps for PHAs, CoCs and other Housing Stakeholders

- Learn how your state plans to use their increased Head Start, Family Violence and Prevention Program, and LIHEAP resources and whether housing-related supports and services are part of their plans.
- Clarify which agencies administer any new as well as existing funds at the local level:
 - Community Action Agencies?
 - Victim Services Providers?
 - Early childhood providers?
 - Other?
- Outreach to and engage these local partners as necessary, informing of the availability of housing vouchers for their target populations.

Next Steps (continued)

- Offer to educate local partners about Coordinated Entry
- Clarify the process for making referrals
- Determine how PHAs will prioritize target populations that may not be involved with CE
- Establish pathways to gain timely access to housing-related supports and services for EHV recipients



Which of the following agencies who deliver ACF funded services are PHAs/CoCs already partnering with?

- ☐ Community Action Agencies
- ☐ Runaway and Homeless Youth Providers
- ☐ Victim Services Providers
- ☐ Early childhood providers
- ☐ Child welfare providers
- ☐ Other (please identify “other” in the Q&A box)

What have been the greatest barriers to accessing needed housing-related supports and services for the populations served by the ACF resources discussed today?

- ☐ Lack of funding for services
- ☐ Lack of provider capacity to deliver services
- ☐ Individuals you serve don't meet eligibility criteria for services
- ☐ Lack of information on where or how to make referrals for services
- ☐ Individuals are not engaged/interested in receiving services
- ☐ Other (please identify "other" in the Q&A box)



Questions?



Thank You!